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Fraser Town residents seek ban on food mela 'as it causes traffic chaos when vendors illegally occupy footpaths in the area'

CLEARANCE SALE

'Let vendors organise food mela at designated place'

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Here is some bad news and good news. The bad news is the vendors who used to occupy footpaths on Mosque Road, MM Road and other stretches in Fraser Town during the month of Ramadan may not do so in future.

Good news is the residents of Fraser Town shall walk on the footpaths and take out their vehicles without any hurdles during the month of Ramadan here on.

All these years, Mosque Road, MM Road and adjacent roads where the food mela was being organised were destinations for foodies from different areas during the month of Ramadan.

The food mela initially began on a vacant land owned by a nearby mosque, we are told. The purpose was to raise funds for the development of an Urdu School that was in a bad state. The food mela began more than 15 years ago and was confined to the vacant land for two years. With the success of the food mela, vendors from other areas began opening food stalls on footpaths during the month of Ramadan.

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"Our MLA AC Srinivasa has assured us to ban the food mela
— Khaiser Ahmed, president, RWA

Heads above water

BWSSB issues 200 notices against commercial use of private borewells

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Amidst the acute water crisis, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has set its sights on residential properties suspected of clandestinely supplying water to private tankers.

Over 200 notices have already been dispatched to such households. BWSSB chairman Dr Ram Prasath Manohar V said, "We have identified instances where individuals who originally registered for residential water connections have been diverting water from borewells for commercial purposes. We have pinpointed these locations, particularly those catering to commercial and industrial needs. Demand notices have been issued to around 200 such establishments, as they acquired permission for domestic usage but are evidently engaged in commercial activities."

An official further explained: "BWSSB recently conducted a survey of properties that had obtained permits for borewells. If a borewell permit was acquired for residential purposes, the water extracted cannot be sold for commercial use. Despite this regulation, numerous violators are flouting the mandate, seeking financial gain by supplying water from their borewells. Consequently, these property owners are now being penalised." Furthermore, BBMP chief Tushar Giri Nath highlighted the

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Bhangra beats

Experience the electrifying rhythms and infectious beats of Bhangra at the "Bhangra with Charan" event. Hosted by the talented Charan, this evening promises to be a celebration of music, dance, and joy. **When- Lahe Lahe Where- March 3 to 24**

02 Make the mind dance

Experience the transformative power of mindful movement at the "Mindful Moves" event. Hosted by renowned instructors, this session offers a unique blend of yoga, meditation, and dance to rejuvenate your spirit and enhance your well-being. **When- Atta Galatta; Where- March 23**

03 Gem workshop

Discover the artist within you at the Opal Art Workshop, where you'll explore various techniques and create stunning artwork under expert guidance. **When- Studio Chhavi Where- March 3**

A run to save water

Around 500 people, including para runners, participated in Neerathon, a marathon to save water. The event was organised by St. Joseph's University in Bengaluru on Sunday.

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Flame of the Forest trees light up the city

Captivating Butea monosperma trees charm residents; environmentalist advocates for their ecological significance

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Amidst the lush greenery and diverse flora, the Flame of the Forest tree (scientifically known as Butea monosperma) adds a burst of fiery hues, captivating the city with its stunning blooms. While Tabebuia rosea, commonly called pink poui, is one of the beautiful trees admired in Bengaluru during February and March, the Flame of the Forest tree is another captivating sight that draws many people to capture its picture.

The tree boasts bright crimson-orange coloured flowers that are noticeable even from afar. Although the Flame of the Forest is reported to be a native species of Madagascar, it is found in many places in India and is known as an ornamental tree.

Environmentalists like Vijay Nishanth highlight the beauty of the Flame of the Forest tree near Kakolu, Hessarghatta, suggesting that people should look beyond the Tabebuia rosea and watch out for the Flame of the Forest tree. "During summer or pre-monsoon when the entire forest is dried out, this tree looks like a fire. It is a beauty in the Western Ghats, but we can observe it all over India. Bengaluru has these trees in the outskirts, and a few are there in Jayanagar. It attracts many bird species for their nectar. It is an extremely beautiful tree to look out for in summer and to capture its beauty," said Nishanth.

The growing period for this majestic tree typically aligns with the arrival of the pre-monsoon season, usually around March to May. During this time, the tree sheds its old leaves, making way for an impressive array of flame-like blossoms that adorn the city's streets and parks.

> **"Planting and nurturing this native tree not only enhances the visual splendour of Bengaluru but also promotes ecological sustainability**
> – Vijay Nishanth, an environmentalist

Nishanth emphasised, "The tree not only has aesthetic value in the surroundings but also plays a crucial role in biodiversity conservation. The tree attracts pollinators, supporting the ecosystem and promoting overall environmental health."

He further added, "Planting and nurturing this native tree not only enhances the visual splendour of Bengaluru but also promotes ecological sustainability, making it a valuable addition to the city's green legacy."

According to reports, this tree also has medicinal value in treating wounds, allergies, skin diseases, and others. Its blossoms can grow up to 2 inches long and it has long leaves measuring 25-25 cm. It is also said to be pest-free. This tree serves as a host plant for numerous butterfly species such as the common crow, plain tiger, and blue tiger. Its blossoms entice a diverse array of pollinators, including bees, butterflies, and birds.

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100 bags of waste collected from just one lake in city

Residents of Halanayakanahalli and NGOs collaborate to clean lake area; concerns mount over encroachment and pollution

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Residents of Halanayakanahalli and volunteers cleared around 100 bags of garbage around Halanayakanahalli Lake on Sunday. The lake, often in the headlines for the wrong reasons, is vulnerable to encroachment and has become a dumping ground for waste. Over 25 people participated in a debris clean-up drive that began at 8 am and concluded at 10 am. The participants, including children and volunteers, collected 100 bags of garbage around the lake.

"The Sarjapur Chapter of St Broseph Foundation, a non-political NGO, conducted a debris clean-up drive at Halanayakanahalli Lake on Sunday from 8 am to 10 am. They worked together to fill over 100 garbage bags making a significant impact. I want to thank all the volunteers and their little ones who joined hands with the St Broseph Foundation, showing their commitment to a cleaner environment. The St Broseph Foundation also worked with the Panchayat of the Halanayakanahalli to pick up the collected garbage bags," said Sharanam Khurana, Sarjapur Chapter Head, St Broseph Foundation.

Halanayakanahalli Lake has been in the news for all the wrong reasons. Bangalore Mirror published a story titled "Halanayakanahalli Lands Under Water" on October 27, 2021, narrating how private builders have encroached upon the stormwater drain that carries rainwater to Halanayakanahalli Lake.

Emphasising the need to ensure the lake is free from all types of garbage, Aam Aadmi Party leader Ashok Mruthyunjaya has said that consecutive governments have been ignoring the topic of lake conservation and solid waste management. "Though crores of rupees are spent on garbage management, garbage is still being thrown into lakes, showing the corruption in the system. I would urge DK Shivakumar, who is aspiring to make Brand Bangalore, to first focus on basics and make Bangalore a liveable, garbage-free place. It is painful to see the Garden City of Bangalore has become a garbage city," said Ashok Mruthyunjaya. Halanayakanahalli Lake does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Lakes Department. Halanayakanahalli Panchayat is the custodian of the lake.

> **"Borewells dug up on the lake bund have become defunct and we are finding it tough to supply water to the residents of Halanayakanahalli**
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> – Babu Reddy, Halanayakanahalli Panchayat President

Meanwhile, Halanayakanahalli Panchayat President Babu Reddy has stated that the panchayat has prepared a plan to spend funds on fencing the lake but has kept it in abeyance until the revenue department clears the encroachers from the lake land."We have to preserve the lake as it will help improve the groundwater table. Borewells dug up on the lake bund have become defunct and we are finding it tough to supply water to the residents of Halanayakanahalli," said Babu Reddy.

He expressed his desire to appreciate the volunteers and residents for clearing garbage around the lake. "Two or three workers from Halanayakanahalli Panchayat have also participated in the clean-up drive. I wanted to participate but could not due to some reasons," he said.

Volunteers clearing garbage at Halanayakanahalli Lake

Protest continues over High Court annex construction

The proposed protest against the construction of a 10-storey annex for the Karnataka High Court within the Cubbon Park premises on Sunday did not take place as the Cubbon Park Walkers' Association (CPWA), and President S Umesh were taken into custody by the police.

"This only shows that the government is determined to go ahead with the construction, ignoring public sentiment. We strongly condemn this high-handedness and attack on our democratic right to peacefully protest. CPWA, along with environmentalists, will intensify the protest in the coming days," the association said in a statement.

Disappointed over the government's decision to shelve the project temporarily and not keenly looking into other alternative sites for the 10-storey annex building, the association had called for a protest on Sunday near the Central Library in Cubbon Park premises, demanding a formal order revoking the decision to construct the annex building within the park premises.

S Umesh, President of CPWA, said, "It is not a personal issue for me but a matter of safeguarding public property which belongs to all of us. I was taken by the police, and given verbal warnings and a notice. We have been raising issues concerning Cubbon Park and protesting since 2010, however, there have never been issues of public nuisance or traffic obstruction. We want to save the environment which is indeed the responsibility of the horticulture department as well as the government." He called on environmentalists and other concerned residents about the vanishing green spaces in the city to voice their dissent against the proposed project, demanding the government formally revoke its initial plan.

Members of the Cubbon Park Walkers' Association gathered at the park for the protest on February 11

Hundreds of people had gathered in protest on February 11 at the Central Library in the Cubbon Park premises. The protesters noted that the proposed building, besides encroaching upon the park area, would lead to an increase in both human and vehicular traffic.

"We urge the government to immediately rescind the order," the Cubbon Park Walkers' Association said in a statement. The said construction, if it were to take place, would involve the razing down of the old Election Commission (EC) building where the new building will be constructed, situated between the Press Club and the old KGIB building.

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Illegal business

HSR Layout

Bike rental businesses are operating in parking areas, right under the nose of the regional BDA office located in the complex.

Lost bike

Kodihalli

A motorbike has been abandoned on 1st Main Road for over 2 years, becoming an eyesore that needs immediate removal.

Burning trash

Church Street

Illegal trash burning on 4th Cross is causing disturbances for neighbours.

Do you have a @Paytm UPI handle?

4 things you should know to migrate your UPI handle

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has urged the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to evaluate One97 Communication Ltd's (OCL) request to become a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP) for the UPI channel so that the Paytm app can continue to operate.

"@paytm" handles can be easily moved from Paytm Payments Bank to a few newly designated banks when the OCL gets clearance from NPCI.

According to the RBI press release dated February 23, 2024, " As the Paytm Payments Bank cannot accept further credits into its customer accounts and wallets after March 15, 2024, certain additional steps have become necessary to (i) ensure seamless digital payments by UPI customers using '@paytm' handle operated by the Paytm Payments Bank, and (ii) minimise concentration risk in the UPI system by having multiple payment app providers."

The RBI suggested the below additional steps:

Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP)

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has been advised by the RBI to examine the request of One97 Communication Ltd (OCL) to become a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP) for UPI channel for continued UPI operation of the Paytm app, as per the norms.

Migration from Paytm Payments Bank to a set of newly identified banks

It has been further advised that in the event of NPCI granting TPAP status to OCL, it may be stipulated that '@paytm' handles are to be migrated in a seamless manner from Paytm Payments Bank to a set of newly identified banks to avoid any disruption. No new users are to be added by the said TPAP until all the existing users are migrated satisfactorily to a new handle.

Banks as Payment Service Provider

For seamless migration of '@paytm' handle to other banks, NPCI may facilitate certification of 4-5 banks as Payment Service Provider (PSP) Banks with demonstrated capabilities to process high volume UPI transactions. This is in line with NPCI norms for minimising concentration risk.

Settlement accounts

For the merchants using PayTM QR Codes, OCL may open the settlement accounts with one or more PSP Banks (other than Paytm Payments Bank).

How to check if your wallet handle @paytm

Step 1: Open the Paytm app on your phone and tap on your profile picture in the upper left corner of the main screen.
Step 2: Right when you click on it, your UPI ID and QR code for receiving payments will appear on the screen under your profile picture. You can check and your UPI ID.

Customers and merchants who have UPI addresses or handles other than '@paytm' have no obligation to change them and can continue to use them, the RBI stated.

How to transfer money to a bank from Paytm Payments Bank wallet

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Step 2: Tap on 'Send Money to Bank'.
Step 3: Enter the account number.
Step 4: Enter the account holder's name
Step 5: Enter the IFSC code of the branch. You can get the IFSC code by tapping on Find IFSC and selecting your bank, state, city and branch.
Step 6: Enter the amount you want to send. Minimum amount should be Rs 20
Step 7: You can also enter the reason for sending money. However, this is optional.
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Collect property tax on carpet area only: Home-owners' plea

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Karnataka Home Buyers' Forum has appealed to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner to ensure that revenue inspectors, while calculating the property tax for flat owners, consider the carpet area of the flat. It stated that Real Estate Regulatory Act 2016 mandates the selling of the flats based on carpet area.

The draft notification issued recently has stated that property tax will be calculated based on the guidance value of the property per square feet per year.

"Property tax is to be charged for the ownership of the property. Flat owners own the carpet area in an apartment,'' said Dhananjaya Padmanabhachar, Sanchalak, Karnataka Home Buyers Forum.

The draft notification (section 8 (xiv)) mentioned that in case of common areas in any building or apartment, such as manager office, club house, swimming pool, health club, canteen etc, the property tax shall be charged at a rate of 50% of the per square foot rate payable for the property itself. It has also stated the open spaces and parks therein shall be charged at a rate as prescribed for the fully vacant lands or areas.

Padmanabhachar said that common areas are owned by the association of flat owners after the Transfer of Common Areas as per section 17 of RERA 2016. "Please ensure this portion of the property tax is being charged to the owners of the property (Association after transfer, promoters before transfer). Please collect Certificate of Registration of the association issued by the competent authority as proof of identity and conveyance deed transferring common areas to association as proof of ownership of the common areas,'' he said in the memorandum.

"This (parking) comes under common areas in an apartment and car parking ownership does not fall under flat owners. This should be included for taxation to association and promoters

The draft notification (section 8 (x)) mentioned that the areas under any covered or stilt parking or multi-level car/vehicle parking, the tax shall be computed at 50% of the unit area value fixed for the respective property and land. "This comes under common areas in an apartment and car parking ownership does not fall under flat owners. This should be included for taxation to association (After transfer of common areas)/promoters (before transfer of common areas),'' he said.

He said that the BBMP revenue officers are retaining the names of the previous land khata owners after flat khatas are being created thereby creating dual ownership of khata on the land.

"Either BBMP should make land khatas null and void after flat khatas are being created or ensure all flat owners' names get recorded in land khata for the undivided share of interest they own in the land as per sale deed,'' he said.

Commander Surendra (retired) said that collection of property tax based on guidance value is not correct.

"The BBMP is a service provider. It does not provide services to the property owners based on guidance value. For example, the guidance value of a property in the Central Business District area is different from the guidance value of a property at Yelahanka. The BBMP is providing the same service – collecting garbage – at CBD and Yelahanka. The BBMP officials are happy in collecting property tax,'' he said.

KR Circle underpass to get much-needed tweaks

Road to be widened, underpass to be realigned in ₹4.36-crore project

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Adapting to the increased traffic on Dr. BR Ambedkar Veedhi Road, the BBMP now plans to widen the road and realign the KR Circle underpass at the cost of Rs 4.36 crore.

The road stretch from Karnataka Secretariat Club Road (Cubbon Park gate) to the BESCOM Corporate Office has been chosen for the uplift.

With the KR Circle being next to Nrupathunga Road that houses many of the top government buildings and with the incoming traffic from Cubbon Park, the area sees a lot of traffic.

Dr. BR Ambedkar Veedhi Road is one of the most important roads in the city with the Vidhana Soudha situated along the road. The stretch between Matsya Darshini and KR Circle sees regular slow-moving traffic with oncoming traffic from MG Road and Kasturba Road. KR circle also sees traffic coming from Sheshadri Road, Post Office Road and Nrupathunga Road.

In a traffic intervention, BBMP has planned a road widening for the 450-m stretch. Currently, there are three lanes for traffic on Dr. BR Ambedkar Veedhi Road.

"We have been seeing an increased traffic inflow on Dr BR Ambedkar Veedhi Road. We planned for road widening and realignment of the KR Circle underpass. The road has three lanes and we are planning to add two more. Each lane is 3.5 m wide and overall commuters will get 17.5m of carriage width and BBMP will be adding 7m to the current road plan. This would also give a free right for commuters going towards the MS building," said a BBMP official.

The BBMP has also planned to realign the KR Circle underpass to provide more carriage width. The KR Circle underpass connects Dr BR Ambedkar Veedhi Road to Nrupathunga Road.

"Currently, the underpass is curve-shaped, we are planning to straighten it to provide more carriage width," he added.

In May 2023, a Bengaluru techie died after her car was stuck in a waterlogged KR Circle underpass.

The intervention was taken up after the BBMP Special Commissioner, BBMP Special Commissioner (Revenue), and traffic police conducted a joint inspection of the stretch two months ago.

But for the project, BBMP would also have to acquire land from nearby buildings. In total, BBMP would need to acquire 13,698.79 sq ft of land.

Palike officials have identified the land falling under Karnataka State Government Employee Association, BESCOM property and Jayachamarajendra Polytechnic within the project area. BBMP will have to acquire 7,044.57 sq ft land from Karnataka State Government Employee Association, 6,347.80 sq ft from BESCOM and 306.42 sq ft from Jayachamarajendra Polytechnic.

Plan is to straighten curved KR Circle underpass to give it more carriage width

"We have been seeing increased traffic inflow on Dr BR Ambedkar Veedhi Road. So we planned realignment of the KR Circle underpass and road widening –BBMP official

Just out of jail, man murdered

A 27-year-old man, previously charged with murder and recently released from prison, was attacked and killed by unidentified individuals near Anekal, on the outskirts of Bengaluru, police said.

The victim, Vijay Kumar, was the second accused in a 2017 murder of a man named Manoj Kumar. The attack occurred around 4 am, around 100 metres from Vijay's home in Marsur. Superintendent of Police, Mallikarjun Baladandi, stated that investigations suggest the involvement of Manoj's brother, Arjun, in orchestrating the attack. Reportedly, Vijay was lured out of his home by a person feigning there was an urgent matter. Police suspect the involvement of at least three assailants armed with machetes in the attack. **BMB**

Student's body found in grove

The body of a B Tech student hailing from Uttarakhand was discovered in a eucalyptus grove after he had gone missing for three days. Harshith Kontala, a resident of the college hostel, had been absent since February 22, prompting concerns among his peers. A police complaint was lodged, and on Sunday, his remains, partially burned, were uncovered alongside his belongings, including a bag and mobile phone. **BMB**

'Illicit' spa bust: Women rescued

A high-end spa has recently been thrust into the spotlight due to allegations of illegal activities taking place on its premises. Authorities conducted a raid on the establishment following reports suggesting that it was operating as a front for illicit practices.

The Rora Luxury Thai Spa in the Yelahanka New Town area was allegedly involved in facilitating prostitution under the guise of offering massage services. It is reported that women from Thailand were brought into the country using tourist and business visas for this purpose. Three individuals, including Anjaneya Gowda and Harish, were apprehended, and seven women were rescued from the premises.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Dilemma

With the Lok Sabha elections drawing close, there's a lengthy roster of potential candidates. Presently, there's speculation that Dr CN Manjunath, former director of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology and son-in-law of former PM HD Deve Gowda, might enter the political arena as part of the BJP-JDS coalition. However, when queried by journalists, he responded, "I am uncertain about this matter. No politician has approached me. I am still undecided about venturing into politics. Despite numerous requests due to the reforms I've spearheaded in the health sector, I am torn about whether to enter the political sphere or not. While I harbour no apprehensions, politics presents a distinct set of challenges. I've always preferred executive roles but no desire for politics or confrontations."

Much ado over nothing

Recently, social media erupted with a viral video of a remix of Kannada song "Yenilla Yenilla" (meaning "nothing"). This sensation even resonated within the Assembly. While delivering the budget speech, Mulbagal MLA Samruddhi Manjunath echoed the sentiments of the song, stressing that Kolar received nothing substantial from the budget allocation. Earlier, during the budget presentation by the Chief Minister, opposition party leaders criticised the budget, claiming it had nothing significant. In response, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah retorted, suggesting that his budget was forward-thinking, but the lack of understanding among BJP legislators left them with "nothing" in their minds.

Beard mystery

During the recent legislative council session, MLC Kota Srinivasa Poojary raised a quirky question: "What's the deal with DK Shivakumar's rugged beard? When's he planning to tidy up? It's not just the public; even we're itching to find out. It's become a hot topic, you know! People are speculating that there's more to it than just a fashion statement. Maybe he's got something cooking in that beard!" In response, council chairman Basavaraj S Horatti teased Poojary about his own beard experiments. A Congress legislator chimed in, wondering why the BJP was so concerned about facial hair when DKS was busy touring the state and not daring to ask why PM Modi is also sporting a beard. Meanwhile, Congress MLC UB Venkatesh accused the BJP of using the beard issue to distract from more important matters. Stepping in, BJP MLC Ravi Kumar added humorously, "We're all eagerly waiting for DKS to sport a clean look but we still don't know when?" Despite the chatter, DK Shivakumar remained tight-lipped, offering only a mysterious smile.

English debate

In the midst of a legislative assembly debate, BJP MLA Aravind Bellad proposed that initiating English schools was unnecessary. He recommended that even in Kannada-medium schools, science and mathematics should be taught in English. He argued that students face difficulties understanding English concepts in higher studies if they had previously studied in Kannada. Higher Education Minister Dr. MC Sudhakar briefly interjected Bellad's speech, stating, "Your argument lacks scientific basis. Before advising others, I'd like to know whether your own children attend Kannada or English medium schools."

-Sridhar Vivan

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ADRENALINE RUSH RIDE

Racers and riders from various countries participated in Indian Supercross Racing League at Chikkajala in Bengaluru on Sunday. Six franchise teams and 48 riders participated in categories like 450cc international riders, 250cc international riders, 250cc India-Asia mix, and others

Metro dress code? Video causes furore

Uproar after video showing security officials preventing entry of man for being 'shabbily dressed' goes viral

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The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has come under criticism for not allowing a farmer to use its services, citing the reason that he was shabbily dressed. In a video that has been making rounds on social media, another commuter can be seen advocating on behalf of the farmer, questioning what rule prohibits those from poor backgrounds dressed in shabby clothes from using the services provided by the BMRCL. Eventually, the farmer used the metro service from Rajajinagar, after the commuter on the premises ignored the security officials and took him into the metro station.

In the video, a commuter, Karthik C Airani, can be seen confronting the security staff stationed at the Rajajinagar metro station, questioning them regarding the basis on which the farmer was not being allowed inside the platforms. "He is a farmer and possesses the required ticket to travel through the metro. He also does not have any items in his sack that are prohibited from bringing into the metro. He only has clothes. On what basis is he being denied entry? Show me a rule which mandates a dress code for commuters of the metro. Is this a transport restricted to the VIPs? It's public transport," the angry commuter says, while another commuter comes to his aid. "The man is a farmer coming from a village. It is right to deny him entry only if he is in possession of materials that are barred from being brought to the metro service. We would also agree to your denial if the farmer possessed any such material but this is blatant discrimination," said another commuter.

After the argument, Airani calls the farmer to tag along with him, ignoring the security officials' entry denial. While the farmer seems skeptical about entering, fearing consequences, Airani boosts his confidence.

The man was initially hesitant to enter after the security guards denied him entry

The incident has angered many regular commuters as well as residents. "Absolutely pathetic behaviour from BMRCL staff! Who are you to decide who gets to use your service? @CMofKarnataka @DKShivakumar please make sure these officials are taken to task! Our farmers are the backbone of the country and the metro is for everyone!," said a netizen. "Shame on officials, wonder what kind of humanity exists in society! Strict action must be taken against staff who prevented the farmer's entry to the metro," said another. Many called for the corporation to sensitise their staff regarding the matter allowing the public from any socio-economic background to use the service.

Porn con is cyber criminals' latest game

Online fraudsters have resurfaced with a new scheme, this time targeting internet users with fake pop-up messages claiming that the government of India has blocked their browser because they were watching pornographic content.

The pop-ups claim that the user's browser has been locked due to illegal activities, specifically citing laws in India regarding materials related to paedophilia and pornography.

To unlock their browser, victims are instructed to pay a hefty penalty. Additionally, the scam employs scare tactics by threatening to escalate the matter to law enforcement if payment is not made within a specified time frame of some hours. Furthermore, the pop-up conveniently offers payment options through debit and credit cards, promising immediate browser unlocking upon payment confirmation.

"It happened a while back, I was using my web browser and suddenly a message popped up stating that the crime bureau has blocked my web browser usage because I was repeatedly browsing pornographic content. At first I got scared because the message seemed genuine with the GOI logo and other marks. However, when I saw that they were asking Rs 50,000, it seemed fishy to me and I discussed it with my friend. I later found out it was a scam," a citizen told BM.

A senior police official told BM they haven't come across a case like this in recent times.

"Nobody complains to the police about people accessing pornographic content. However, we do get complaints about child pornography and we are very vigilant about it. And even if something is banned by the law, the police and government won't ask for a fine online," said the police.

Ahna Prakash

Residents submit memorandum to police

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"The problem began with more and more vendors from neighbouring areas opening food stalls on Mosque Road and MM Road. The residents of Fraser Town, especially those residing on MM Road and Mosque Road, had to struggle to take their vehicles out at night due to the encroachment of footpaths by the vendors. We received a number of complaints against the vendors causing unhygienic conditions by polluting the environment,'' said Fraser Town Residents' Welfare Association president Khaiser Ahmed.

It may be recalled that the FTRWA organised a meeting with candidates contesting from Pulikeshinagar assembly constituency last year and sought their help to prohibit the food mela. Congress candidate AC Srinivasa assured to ban the food mela if he got elected to the state assembly.

Bangalore Mirror published a story – Talking point: Ban on food mela in Fraser Town – on May 9, 2023 narrating how the residents of Fraser Town demanded the candidates contesting in the assembly election work for a ban on the food mela organised by a few people during Ramadan month.

"We met our MLA AC Srinivasa and explained to him why the food mela has to be banned. He has agreed to our request and assured us to ban the food mela. We are not against the hotels and restaurants on MM Road and Mosque Road to do business during the Ramadan month either, but they should serve their customers within their premises,'' said Ahmed.

Demanding the authorities concerned prohibit the food mela, Saud Dastagir, vice president, FTRWA, said the residents have decided to oppose the 'illegal' food mela that has been causing a lot of problems for the residents.

A core member of the FTRWA said the members of FTRWA and the residents are not against the vendors earning money during the Ramadan month.

"We are against the way the food mela is being organised during Ramadan. It has been causing chaos. Let the vendors organise food mela at a designated place without causing inconvenience to the residents,'' he said.

The FTRWA submitted a memorandum to the police seeking a ban on the food mela as it causes illegal occupation/encroachment of footpaths by vendors and it leaves the kids and elders vulnerable to accidents.

It stated that unhygienic practices are causing a lot of gastro enteritis and health ailment cases each year. "There is no hygiene, or quality control methods adopted by the vendors. These stalls are stationed haphazardly along the footpaths and on roads, in front of homes causing chaos, litter, garbage…'' the memorandum said.

It further pointed to traffic jams throughout the day making drivers of vehicles belonging to schools, hospitals vulnerable for hasty riding which may in turn result in accidents.

"There are also regular incidents of consumption of alcohol on streets, inside cars, with bottles thrown around the streets. Eve teasing is rampant, alongside brawling youngsters. We have noticed trivial issues turning into street fights with no security to monitor during the food mela,'' it said.

Private RO water supply units cease operations

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issue of water sourcing as a pivotal factor influencing tanker pricing. According to Nath, numerous public water points administered by BBMP or BWSSB exclusively cater to governmental needs.

However, private tankers are prohibited from accessing water from these sources and must secure their own supply. Nevertheless, with BBMP and BWSSB's decision to provide free tanker water, private tanker operators will be permitted to source water exclusively for free distribution."

At present, BWSSB serves the water requirements of 10.84 lakh households. Out of the 10,955 public borewells, 1,214 have dried up completely, with another 3,700 witnessing a significant reduction in water levels. Within BWSSB's jurisdiction, there are 11,000 borewells designated for public use, alongside 4.5 lakh private borewells drawing from both Cauvery water and private sources. This decline in water levels affects both public and private borewells, intensifying the dependence on Cauvery water and impacting distribution.

Meanwhile, many pure drinking water outlets have been shut in the city. The reverse osmosis (RO) water purification units operated by private individuals at subsidised rates (Rs 5 for 10 litres of water) have ceased operations across the city. Nath said: "We have conducted a comprehensive assessment of non-functional RO plants. In RR Nagar, 35 sites, 25 in Yeshwantpur, and 10 in other areas, are currently inactive. The duration of their inactivity remains unknown."

Nath added: "In Mahadevapura, 22 locations, and 13 sites in the eastern region, are experiencing RO plant failures. To address this issue, a budget of Rs 9 crore has been allocated for enhancing water sources in outer zones, specifically designated for RO plants.

If necessary, we will resort to drilling new borewells. Over the next 90 days, we have devised an action plan. While BBMP prioritises short-term initiatives, long-term solutions will be spearheaded by BWSSB."

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A complaint, 0943139/2024, was lodged in Koramangala PS for loss of original property documents at 326, 7th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-47. If any person finds or is in possession of the same, please call 9704567031

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BEFORE THE XVIII thADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL COURT AT CHENNAI
I.A.No. 4 of 2023
in
O.S.No. 5132 of 2019

R.Swaminathan
S/o. S.Ramachandran,
Old No.A.P.24, New No.8, 1st Sector, 5th Street, K.K.Nagar, Chennai-60007
…Petitioner/Plaintiff

Vs

1.R.Sampathkumar (Died)
S/o of A.S.Rajagopalan (late)
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S/o A.S.Rajagopalan
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W/o Mr.Nandakumar,
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4.Mrs.V.P.Vasanthi (Died)
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D/o of Sampath Kumar,
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S/o Mr.Parthiban late
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In the above said I.A.No.4/2023 in O.S.No.5132 of 2019 the Hon'ble XVIII Additional City Civil Court Chennai, has ordered substituted service through paper publication on 21.02.2024 to be effected on or before 04.03.2024 and posted the above said case on 28.03.2024 for the presence of proposed defendants 8,9,&12, in any one Local English daily Newspaper. hence this paper publication. Therefore, you are advised to be present on **28.03.2024** before the said court at 10.30 a.m on the above said date, failing which the case may be decided in your absence.

K.Bhasker
Counsel for Plaintiff

FACE FIRST

3 simple DIY face mist recipes for glowing skin

On a hectic, humid day, sometimes, all your skin needs is a spritz of face mist for a pick-me-up. Facial mists are very beneficial if you want to retain moisture and feel that surge of instant freshness. And if you are on a budget and trust that DIY recipes do the work, we have listed down some face mist recipes to make at home. Check them out!

1. Rosewater Face Mist

This face mist is a great one to have handy, especially during the summer. Rosewater helps in balancing our skin's pH level and also boosts hydration. Spray this face mist on damp skin to make it more effective. You can use a 30 ml bottle if you are a beginner. This face mist will promote a brighter complexion.

Ingredients

- Rosewater
- Glycerine
- Spray bottle

How to make it

In a bowl mix 2 tbsp of rosewater, and 1/2 teaspoon of glycerine.

Pour it into the clean spray bottle. Shake it well before every use.

2. Rosemary Face Mist

If you want to add a toner to your skincare routine then let this be it. Rosemary face mist will help in protecting the skin along with keeping the zits at bay hence making it more effective for oily skin people.

Ingredients

- Rosemary water
- Distilled water
- Glycerine
- Spray bottle.

How to make it

Brew a cup of water and add rosemary herbs to it.

Let it cool down. In a bowl add 2 tbsp of the rosemary water along with 1 tbsp of distilled water.

Add 1/2 teaspoon of glycerine into it and stir it thoroughly.

Pour it into the spray bottle and patch test first before use.

3. Aloe Vera Face Mist

The combination of aloe vera and cucumber can help anyone who has been facing excessive oiliness and is living in dry locations. This combination is soothing and moisturizing. Of course, this face mist can be used by all skin types.

Ingredients

- Aloe Vera Gel
- Distilled water
- Cucumber juice
- Glycerine.

How to make it

In a bowl add 1 tbsp of aloe vera gel along with 1 tbsp of distilled water and stir it well.

Add 2 tbsp of cucumber juice into the mixture followed by 1 tbsp of glycerine in it.

Blend it thoroughly, put it into the spray bottle and shake it well before use.

This can become a refreshing and rejuvenating addition to your skincare routine but before you start using it on your entire face make sure you do a patch test first and ensure that there are no adverse reactions. Now whenever you want, you can spritz it on your face and allow it to air dry or just simply dab it on the skin.

Important Tips

Several dermatologists recommend not using essential oils directly on the skin.

You can store these homemade mists for a fortnight

Store them in a cool, dry place, preferably in glass bottles.

by Vrushali Khadilkar, Femina

MIRRORLIGHTS

Study finds relaxing words in sleep slows down cardiac activity

Researchers from the GIGA – Centre of Research Cyclotron at the University of Liege shed new light on brain-heart interactions during sleep.

They discovered that the body reacts to the external world when sleeping, explaining how sensory input might affect sleep quality.

Researchers worked with the University of Fribourg in Switzerland to study if the body genuinely disconnects from the outside world while sleeping. To do so, they examined how the heartbeat varies when we hear different words while sleeping.

They found that relaxing words slowed down cardiac activity as a reflection of deeper sleep and in comparison to neutral words that did not have such a slowing effect.

This discovery is presented in the Journal of Sleep Research and sheds new light on brain-heart interactions during sleep.

The researchers analysed data showing that relaxing words increased deep sleep duration and sleep quality, showing that we can positively influence sleep using meaningful words. — ANI

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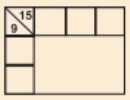
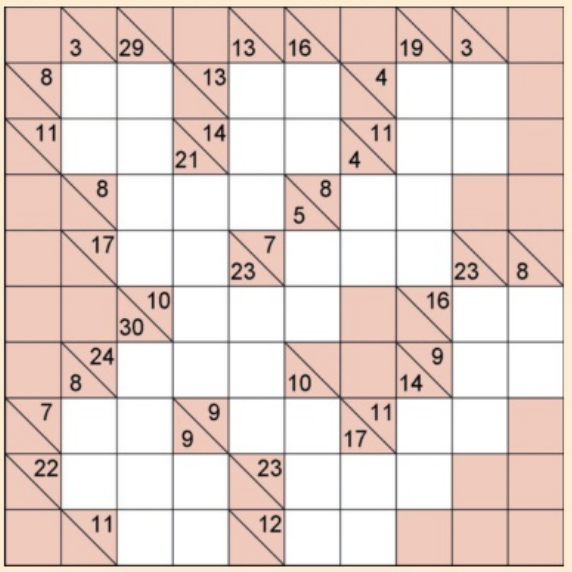
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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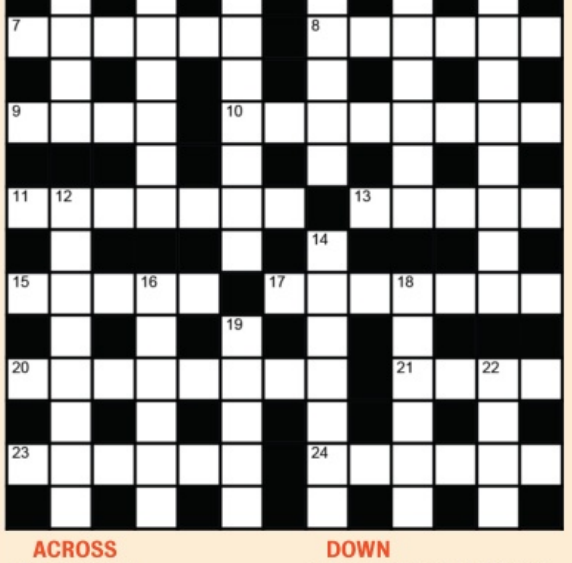


ACROSS

7 Go away! (6)
8 Struck angrily (6)
9 Guru Nanak follower (4)
10 Dummy's contract bridge partner? (8)
11 Spell out (7)
13 Killed or slaughtered (5)
15 Verdant (5)
17 Ships' kitchens (7)
20 Underground cemetery (8)
21 Rudely abrupt (4)
23 Takes pleasure in (6)
24 Avaricious (6)

DOWN

1 The abominable snowman (4)
2 Style of much church architecture (6)
3 Begin a journey (4,3)
4 Press a mouse button (5)
5 Middle Eastern country (6)
6 Harshness or rigorousness? (8)
12 High ecclesiastical dignitaries (8)
14 Bangalore's famed botanical gardens (7)
16 Light yellow – "Fax Len" anagram? (6)
18 Was deficient in (6)
19 Sheriff's men (5)
22 Slender bars (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: P EQUALS O

SVM NPVNKCV DPP JXSFF DP YK DECVKL UVDP S TCSMKC UJ DPP JXSFF DP YK XSLK UVDP S YECLKV.

Linemaro

I like your face

Mindchow

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us

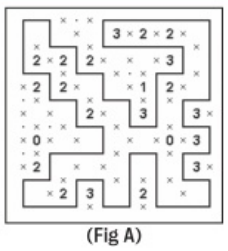
Joke of the day

I need my sleep. I make no bones about it. I need eight hours a day, and at least ten at night

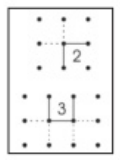
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



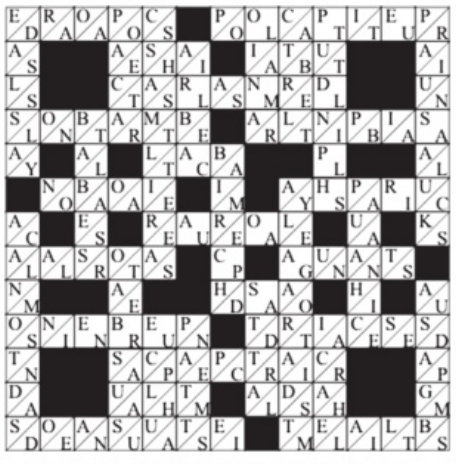
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9		C		

ACROSS

1 Laver; 6 Icy AD; 7 Inset; 8 Maine; 9 Canid

DOWN

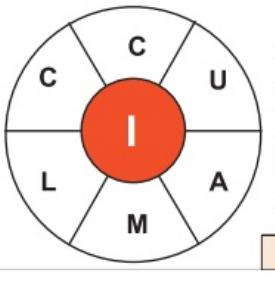
1 A rant; 2 In CIA; 3 Vic in; 4 Medea; 5 Sly Ed

Mensapuzzle

Which two numbers should replace the question marks?

19, 20, 21, ?, ?, 26, 28, 32, 33, 40

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

			3	4				6
1		3				5		
	4				1		7	
5		7	6	3				
		8		9		3		
				1	2	7		5
	8		1				3	
		1				6		4
3				5	7			

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 10
3 5 5 7

Medium = 2
2 3 6 7

Hard = 10
2 4 8 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

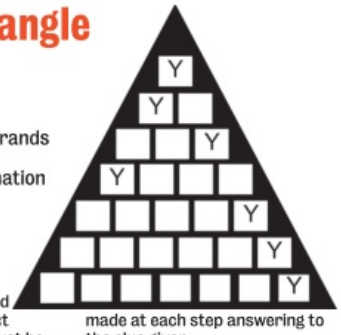
Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Officer is taller. 3. Badge is missing. 4. Chair is different. 5. Window in door is different. 6. Tie clip is lower.

Riddler

I am a lolly fanatic and love my jelly beans. I have an insatiable appetite for them. There is a jelly bean jar sitting in front of me that has a capacity for 500 jellybeans. If I can eat jelly beans at a rate of 20 jellybeans per 30 seconds (slow, I know, but my jaw is sore at the moment) and require 2 'rests' per 100 jellybeans, how long will it take me to eat the amount of jellybeans in front of me?

Alpha triangle

1 25th letter
2 Yes, slang
3 Not aye!
4 Chinese money
5 Separate rope strands
6 Insanity
7 Slander or defamation



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

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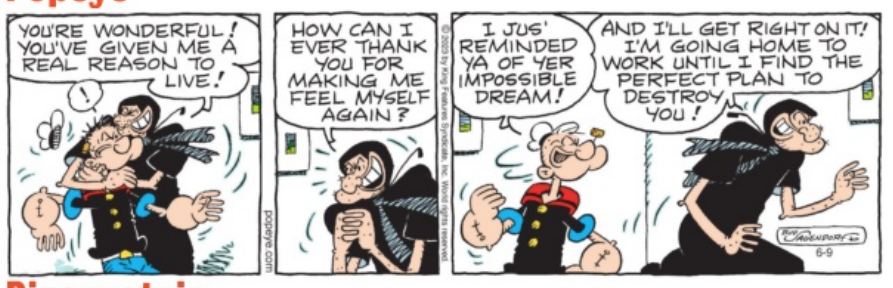
Popeye


YOU'RE WONDERFUL! YOU'VE GIVEN ME A REAL REASON TO LIVE!
HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU FOR MAKING ME FEEL MYSELF AGAIN?
I JUS' REMINDED YA OF YER IMPOSSIBLE DREAM!
AND I'LL GET RIGHT ON IT! I'M GOING HOME TO WORK UNTIL I FIND THE PERFECT PLAN TO DESTROY YOU!

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

HEY, SPOCK!
CHARLOTTE AND I STARTED OUR INVESTIGATION INTO THE THEATER GHOST.
I SAID WE SHOULD HAVE MATCHING JUMPSUITS.
AND SO, I SAID, "IF THE GHOSTBUSTERS HAD THEM, WE SHOULD HAVE THEM TOO."
LOOKS LIKE DEAN AND I HAVE TO LEARN TO SEW, RIPLEY.
SIGH
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.

Crankshaft

GRAMPS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I JUST THOUGHT I'D DROP BY TO MAKE SURE YOU TWO WEREN'T BEING TAKEN TO THE CLEANERS!
GRAMPS DOESN'T TRUST ANYONE... TRY NOT TO TAKE IT PERSONALLY!

Mutts

Doozy, GO SEE IF YOUR MOM CAN DRIVE YOU TO MEET US AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER CLINIC!
OKAY!
EARL, JUMP IN OUR CAR AND SIT! MOOCH, Go HOME, HAVE A SNACK AND TAKE A NAP!
YESH, SIR!
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WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be very happy and your losses may convert into profits. Your seniors may be happy and appreciate your work. You are likely to have some changes into your place, position or responsibilities at work, in terms of promotions. Your opponents and hidden enemies may be under control now. Singles and love birds may take important decisions in terms of marriage with the help of relatives or friends.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. Last week's crunch is now over. With the help of blessings, you may get reciprocation of your hard work. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to initiate work that had been postponed. There are some gains in your business which may boost your finances.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may feel dull. You may have some health issues. You are advised to postpone making investments in business. It is also advised not to start a new venture. You are likely to face losses in the business. Your gains are likely to convert into losses.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may get some business orders which may be profitable in the near future. You may implement some new ideas on your work front. New partnerships may come into the foreground. You may be busy with your work, which may make you mentally tired. It affects your domestic life.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you perform well in your job; your colleagues may cooperate with you. Your performance at work may be good so you may be able to complete projects on time. You may lend money for investment purposes. Job seekers may get new jobs. Positive news for those who have been affected by old health issues is expected.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, situations are ok. People around you may now respond to you better, but you are advised not to take a life as a burden. You should try to sustain yourself in unavoidable situations. You may face some difficulties in getting easy gains. Somehow blessings from elders may help you come out from this situation. Your confusions in choosing targets may be over now.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, tasks remain incomplete. You may be a victim of mood swings. Your patience may be tested many times. Silly mistakes confuse you and prevent you from concluding your work. Love birds find themselves to be confused in terms of their feelings. Too many expectations may affect your emotional attachment with the spouse. You are advised to take care of your parents. Students may lose concentration.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you will be happy and you will be able to maintain a balance between your earnings and expenditure which will boost your finances. Your network will help you to implement your plans. Your siblings and subordinate staff will be more helpful today. You may plan to visit elders or a religious place.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, your energy level will be high. It will make you happy and optimistic to fulfil your desires with the help of hard work. You will plan to go for outings with friends and family to share your happiness. Students will hear good news in terms of academics.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today until late afternoon, the day is not good and you may feel unhappy and become nervous, but after noon onwards, you will be happier. Internal vitality will boost your self-confidence. You should avoid carelessness in making decisions in terms of finance, profession and studies. You may face self-respect issues with your spouse at times. You need to keep patience to avoid converting happy moments into bad moments. Love birds will plan for a short trip.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today your tendency to overspend will affect your savings. You should be careful while expressing yourself at work and on the domestic front also. You should avoid lending money. You are advised to postpone making important decisions in real estate and other assets issues. You should try to avoid a tendency of relegating your responsibilities.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, there may be peace of mind. You may plan to invest some capital in a business, which may increase liquidity. Your earnings may boost your financial health. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in family life. Singles are likely to find a suitable match. Love birds may make the decision to get married. Students will be blessed by good karma.

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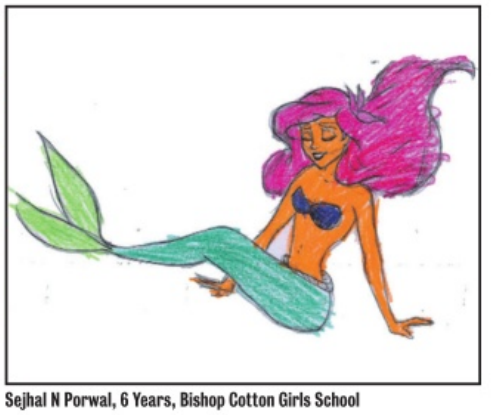
Yash Kalas, 5 Years, Sherwood High School



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FAST FIVE

RIDDLER
Zero seconds. I only claimed there was a jar sitting in front of me, not that it was full, therefore it will take me no time to eat the amount of jellybeans in front of me.

QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
22 and 24: there are two interwoven sequences. Starting at 19, alternate numbers progress +2, +3, +4, +5. Starting at 20, alternate numbers progress +2, +4, +6, +8.

QUOTE UNCODE
Any concern too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden.

SUDOKU

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ALPHA TRIANGLE
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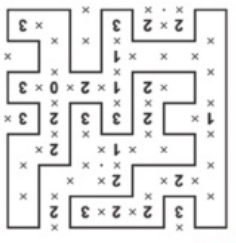

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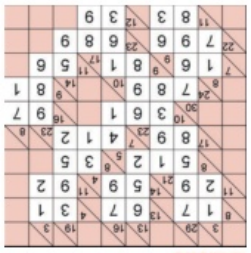

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Name changer

Tamannaah Bhatia marked her debut in Bollywood with 'Chand Sa Roshan Chehra' (2005) and gained fame in the South with 'Happy Days' (2007). Born as Tamanna Bhatia, years after she stepped in front of the camera, the actress renamed herself as Tamannaah.

Recently, the actress responded to a query regarding altering the spelling of her name. Speaking during the ABP summit, Tamannaah shared, "In my youth, I had a clear aspiration to pursue acting. Subsequently, I encountered someone who suggested adding an additional A and H to my name for improvement."

Last year, Tamannaah hit headlines for her romance with Vijay Varma. While the couple refuses to acknowledge their relationship officially, their numerous appearances cryptically confirm their romance. Speaking to BT, Tamannaah had revealed that she bonds over movies with her beau. "Movies are a common ground between us. We enjoy watching movies in theatres and exploring content on OTT. But I must say, I watch a lot more movies than him," the actress had shared. **–ETimes**

Patience, dear fans

Rashmika explains why she was late to react to film's success

Rashmika Mandanna, who most recently portrayed the character of Geetanjali in the box-office super hit action thriller 'Animal', has opened up on why she did not take "ownership" of her part in the film following its release.

The actress, who is shooting for an upcoming film, has penned a lengthy note, where she has talked about the massive success of the Ranbir Kapoor star vehicle.

The movie directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga is reported to have minted Rs 917 crore worldwide.

Widely regarded as the 'national crush' -- Rashmika shared how she wanted to take some time out and enjoy the phenomenal success of 'Animal', but she was back on the set of her new film, so she could not spare any time.

Sharing a monochrome mirror selfie, Rashmika posed for the lens hiding her face.

She wrote: "Hi guys! Can't show my full face as it is a new film look, and I can't reveal it before my film team does, as always. But the shoots are going really well -- just wanted to let you all know."

The actress said she wanted to just talk about how people were talking about her not taking ownership of her success. Reflecting on the chatter, Rashmika wrote: "Ok, here's the thing. 1: I know it comes from a place of love, concern, and worry. We have delivered a massive film, and people loved it and appreciated it. I too wanted to take some time out to enjoy it, as every one of us wants to, but I was back on set the next day of my film release (being the amazing workaholic that I am), and hence I was and am unable to do a lot of interviews or events out there. I am having to do these overnight travels for work, and I am shooting for some of the biggest and most intense films in my career.

"And as you'll know, I can't really reveal the look before my film teams do, and hence I am unable to take photos or post some posts!!" Rashmika continued by urging her fans: "Please be patient with me because you should know that I am doing my best, and I am happy doing so for all of you, myself, and my teams." **–IANS**

Family time

Kareena Kapoor Khan and Saif Ali Khan serve couple goals, not just because they look great together but the way they compliment each other. Kareena has credited Saif for broadening her horizons beyond the film industry.

In a recent interview, Bebo revealed that she and Saif have a pact of not working from June to August every year.

During a session at the ABP Network's Ideas of India Summit, Kareena discussed her ability to remain grounded despite the constant flux of the film industry. She attributed this quality to her husband, Saif Ali Khan, highlighting his influence in exposing her to various aspects of life beyond the realm of movies. Kareena offered

insights into her approach to distancing herself from the overwhelming pressures associated with the 'box office nexus'.

She opened about how Saif Ali Khan helps her stay down to-earth in the face of the ups and downs of fame. She admitted that it's tough to avoid the constant pressure of success and failure in the entertainment industry. But she shared that her marriage to Saif has brought balance to her life.

When one of them is busy with work, the other ensures to be at home with their children. **–ETimes**

Dress code: 'oppressive'

Actress Natalie Portman has shared that she used to find dressing up for awards ceremonies "oppressive".

Since having children, the actress, who has Aleph, 12, and six-year-old Amalia with husband Benjamin Millepied, loves the chance to leave behind her sweatshirts and get dolled up, reports 'Female First UK'.

However, this wasn't always the case. The actress, who is known for 'Black Swan' and 'V for Vendetta', used to feel like women got the short straw of having to look their best whilst the men got to "roll out of bed" and wear comfortable clothes.

Speaking on the 'SmartLess' podcast, she said: "You know, I used to think it was kind oppressive and like why do women have to spend all this time and discomfort and you know the men get to like roll out of bed and wear something they're warm in and like aren't, you know, sucking in their stomachs or whatever and now having kids I feel like it's pretty fun to like have people like make you feel good and go glam."

As per 'Female First UK', she revealed she has lots of sweats but she can't be seen wearing them in fashion capital Paris, where she resides. **–IANS**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Time for Majestic 2

It was the Kannada movie Majestic that released 22 years ago that earned Challenging Star Darshan name and fame. Now, a film with a title based on incidents in and around the Majestic area was launched on Monday.

Ramu, who wrote the script for Majestic, debuts as a director in Sandalwood with this movie while Bharath, the son of well-known producer and distributor Shilpa Srinivas, debuts as a hero. "I wrote the script for Majestic. The incidents taking place at night in and around Majestic encouraged me to write the script. I had to walk out of that movie due to lack of coordination with director Satya. Now, I have got the opportunity to direct this movie," said Ramu.

T Anandappa from Chitradurga is bankrolling Majestic 2 under the Amma Enterprises banner. "I agreed to bankroll Majestic 2 as its script is interesting. ," said Anandappa.

Bharath said that he is a hardcore fan of Darshan. "I play Mari Dasa in the movie," said Bharath.

4N6 set for release

The latest movie to join the list of films with interesting titles is 4N6. The first glimpse of the movie was released at Renukamba Preview Theater recently.

4N6, a horror and investigative genre movie, is bankrolled by Sai Preethi N under the Purple Patch Pictures banner. On the occasion, director Darshan Srinivas said that he has handled the megaphone for two short films. "4N6 is my first movie as an independent director. The movie showcases the importance of forensic scientists in analysing evidence at the crime scene. The movie's shooting was held in and around Bengaluru for 30 days. I consulted forensic scientists before beginning the shoot for their guidance. This movie has received a UA certificate from the Central Board of Film Certification," said Darshan.

Love Mocktail and Love 360 fame Rachana Inder plays a forensic scientist in the movie. "I am playing this kind of a role for the first time in my acting career. The character I play has minimum dialogues," she said.